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Dear Dick,

How very nice to have such a warm and helpful letter with your Christmas card. Can't tell you how much Pat and I both enjoyed, appreciated and benefited from it.

We are trying to lean, as you did in Washington, on the fundamental principles of truth in carrying out this assignment. There is certainly real strength in knowing that no matter how vicious the attacks they cannot impede a right motive and purpose.

In fact, today, in spite of much of the publicity that swirls around my role in the CIA, I am very calm and confident that we are moving well and in the right direction. Beyond that, under the surface of discontent with change there is a strong undercurrent of recognition that in the Agency the change is overdue and must be carried out. We're moving from a world of cold war into one of detente, from a world of preoccupation with the Soviet threat to concern about our interaction with hundreds of nations around the world, and from a preoccupation with the military danger to one of greater balance on economic and political matters as well. All of these evolutions require the changing of established patterns and stir up forces of resistance.

It's all fun and with support from friends like you I know we will continue to move forward. It really was grand hearing from you and we both appreciate your thoughts so very much.

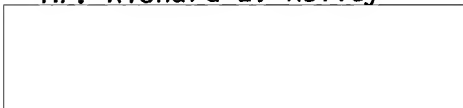
Yours,

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STANSFIELD TURNER

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Mr. Richard E. Kelley



P.S. Next Sunday we inaugurated the new edifice at Fifth Church - its beautiful!

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